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1. WO 02/36389 A1

2. DE 100 33 103 A
3. US 6,359,737 B1
4. US 6,549,124 B1
5. DAIMLERCHRYSLER: "Infrarot-Laser-Nachtsichtsystem von DaimlerChrysler Vergrößert die Sichtweite bei nächtlichen Fahrten," April 5, 2000, Stuttgart/Auburn Hills.

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**Document 2**

It is indicated in the ISR that the entire document 2 is "A" category relevant to claims 1-12 of the present invention.

**Document 4**

Document 4 is an English language equivalent application of EP 1 033 285 A cited in the ISR. It is indicated in the ISR that the abstract and the figures of EP 1 033 285 A are "A" category relevant to claims 1-12 of the present invention.

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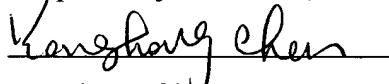
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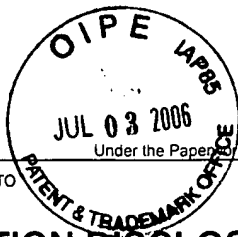
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